



HR0982

LRB096 21472 GRL 38082 r

1

HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Katherine Reutter
4 on the occasion of her silver and bronze medal victories in the
5 speed skating competition at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in
6 Vancouver, Canada; and

7 WHEREAS, Katherine Reutter was born on July 30, 1988, in
8 Champaign; her parents are Beth and Jay Reutter; she graduated
9 from Centennial High School in 2006; and

10 WHEREAS, Katherine Reutter learned to skate with her mother
11 during a figure skating class when she was 4 years old; she was
12 inspired to become a speed skater after meeting 5-time Olympic
13 gold medalist Bonnie Blair at her high school; she first
14 started speed skating professionally in 2005 at the age of 17
15 and began training at the Olympic Training Center in Marquette,
16 Michigan that year; she has trained in Salt Lake City, Utah
17 since 2007; and

18 WHEREAS, In February of 2009, Katherine Reutter completed a
19 1,000-meter race in 1 minute and 29.667 seconds in Dresden,
20 Germany; her time is less than 0.2 of a second short of the
21 world record set in 2008; and

1 WHEREAS, Katherine Reutter won 4 silver medals at the 2009
2 Short Track Speed Skating World Cup; she won the women's 1,500
3 meter at the 2009-2010 Short Track Speed Skating World Cup on
4 November 7, 2009, finishing in 2:23.275 seconds and beating
5 Ha-Ri Cho of South Korea; she then made the 2010 U.S. Olympic
6 team after winning the 1,500 meter final at the Olympic short
7 track trials in September of 2009; in December of 2009, she
8 ranked 5th in the 500-meter category and 6th in the 1000-meter
9 category; and

10 WHEREAS, During the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, Katherine
11 Reutter competed in the women's 3,000 meter relay and won the
12 bronze medal; in the finals of the 1,000 meter event, she
13 earned the silver medal; and

14 WHEREAS, Katherine Reutter plans to spend any money she
15 will earn for winning an Olympic medal on making improvements
16 to her parents' home in Champaign; and

17 WHEREAS, Katherine Reutter serves as a model of hard work,
18 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
19 Illinois; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Katherine Reutter on the occasion of her

1 performance and wish her continued success and happiness in the
2 future; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Katherine Reutter as a symbol of our esteem and
5 respect.